

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 8, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to collaborate with the Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD) in the development of active design guidelines for Miami-Dade County and cities, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health; and directing the Mayor to report back to this Board with the feasibility of adopting the guidelines when completed

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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Please note any items checked.

_____ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Statement of social equity required

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing

_____ No committee review

_____ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve

_____ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-8-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN (MCAD) IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND CITIES, FUNDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES WHEN COMPLETED

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is committed to conserving the region's natural resources, and creating a more pleasant and healthier built environment; and

WHEREAS, obesity, a common and costly health issue that increases risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer, affects more than one-third of all adults and 17 percent of youth in the United States; and

WHEREAS, obesity among Sunshine State adults is on track to hit 58.6 percent by 2030, more than double the 26.6 percent experienced in 2012 according to a report commissioned by Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, to reverse the obesity epidemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that community efforts should focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, planners, architects, and public health professionals, working collaboratively, have an essential role in addressing the rapidly growing epidemics of obesity and related chronic diseases, especially in light of mounting scientific evidence demonstrating the impact of environmental design on physical activity and healthy eating; and

WHEREAS , the Florida Department of Health was awarded a grant by the CDC and contracted with the Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD), a 501c3, in October 2015 to create Active Design Guidelines for use by Miami-Dade County and cities by the end of the grant term in September 2016; and

WHEREAS, Active Design Guidelines provide architects and urban designers with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, these Guidelines were first developed in New York City through a broad, collaborative effort and MCAD will use the New York Guidelines as a starting point for Guidelines that are appropriate and relevant for Miami-Dade County and cities; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has demonstrated environmental leadership with its sustainable buildings ordinance, Ordinance No. 07-65, under which a rating system for green building practices for County buildings is used; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution R-995-14, Miami-Dade County has demonstrated its commitment to creating an active city through urban design by developing, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and other applicable entities, a plan for Board approval to implement a "Complete Streets" Program in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's sustainability plan, GreenPrint, under the Healthy Communities Goal Area, includes strategies and initiatives to decrease our community's lifestyle disease rates such as diabetes and heart disease through healthy eating and exercise, as well as increase the number of short walking and biking trips through safety programs and other programs; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to partner with MCAD in the development of the Active Design Guidelines for Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the Mayor or designee to collaborate with the Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD) in the development of Active Design Guidelines for Miami-Dade County and cities, and to report back to this Board with the feasibility of adopting the Active Design Guidelines once completed in 2016. The Mayor or designee shall provide a report on the feasibility of adopting the Active Design Guidelines to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution, and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of March, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



James Eddie Kirtley, Jr.